(a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate among tribal girls is very low;

(b) whether Government have started any projects in those low literacy areas;

(c) whether these projects were to be fully assisted by the Central Government; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many Institutions, which were imparting education in such areas did not receive the full amount (grant) as per the rules?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The scheme of Education Complex in Low Literacy pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas was introduced during 1993-94 for setting up and running of Educational Complexes in low literacy districts having less than 10% literacy among S.T. women to improve literacy among ST women.

(c) The ministry extends 100% financial assistance for setting up and running of the project of Education Complex under the Scheme of Educational Complex in Low Literacy pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

(d) No, Sir. Grant in aid to the grantee institutions is released as per the prescribed norms of the scheme provided the proposals of these institutions are received with the inspection reports of the concerned District Collector and recommendation of the State Government. Grants to organizations, recommended by State Government or inspecting Ministry officials is being released regularly.

**Employment schemes for STs**

†623. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored schemes being run by Government for creation of employment opportunities for the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Schemes for STs women have been formulated separately;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of people benefited by these schemes during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) There is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for creation of employment opportunities for the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes. However the Ministry implements one Central Sector Scheme namely; Vocational Training in tribal Areas with the objective of creating employment opportunities for tribal.

Further the guidelines for release and utilization of SCA to TSP issued on 2.5.2003 provides for creation of employment cum income generation activities.

(b) and (c) Under the SCAP to TSP a fixed portion of SCA funds is to be kept apart and shown under the women component.

(d) Number of people benefited state wise under the Central Sector Scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas during the last two years are given below:

| Sl.No. | Name of the State | Year wise beneficiaries | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1700 | 500 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | - | 200 |
| 3. | Assam | 100 | 1050 |
| 4. | Chattisgarh | 100 | 1400 |
| 5. | Delhi | - | 100 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 578 | 614 |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 50 | 50 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 600 | 400 |
| 9. | Madhya Pradesh | 100 | 300 |
| 10. | Maharashtra | - | 200 |
| 11. | Manipur | - | 200 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | Meghalaya | - | 100 |
| 13. | Mizoram | 300 | 300 |
| 14. | Nagaland | 100 | 300 |
| 15. | Orissa | - | 750 |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | - | 100 |
| 17. | Tripura | - | 400 |
| 18. | West Bengal | - | 50 |
| | TOTAL | 3628 | 7014 |

**Vocational Training Centres for tribals**

624. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any Vocational Training Centres for the tribal in the country;

(b) if so, the number of centres and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated for these centres State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a central Sector Scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas for tribals in the country; wherein funds are provided for establishing and running these Centres to the State Governments as well as to NGOs.

(b) and (c) The number of VTCs sanctioned, funds released, state-wise and year-wise for last three years are at given below:

(Amount in rupees)

| Sl. No. | Name of State | 2000-01 | | 2001-02 | | 2002-03 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No. of Centres | Amount Released | No. of Centres | Amount Released | No. of Centres | Amount Released |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 4 | 47,77,540 | 12 | 188,54,000 | 4 | 37,71,000 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | - | - | - | - | 2 | 4,80,000 |